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COUNTRY Polish occupied German territory REPORT NO. [REDACTED]
(Pomerania) and Poland
TOPIC Polish Troops in SCHNEIDEMUEHL

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July 1948 to April 1949

1. a. The kaserne was located on the eastern town perimeter, north of the road to EYDGOSZCZ (P 54/J 09) and west of the railroad overpass on the mentioned road. There were two kaserne sections: an old section with several unplastered, grayish lime-washed brick buildings and a new section with several white-washed buildings. The repair of the kaserne buildings was started in July 1948. The repaired buildings have been occupied by Polish military personnel since August 1948.

b. An officer candidate school with officer candidates of all branches of service (including air force and navy) was the first to move into the SCHNEIDEMUEHL kaserne. A drivers' school for EM, equipped with about 80 trucks, later moved into the kaserne. The total occupation of all the kaserne buildings was estimated at 1500 men. The unit headquarters, commanded by a Polish colonel, was also located in the kaserne.

c. The following training activities were observed:
Theoretical training for officer candidates
Driver training for EM
Basic infantry training.

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August to December 1948

2. a. Location and descriptive data of the kaserne same as stated in para 1a.

b. The kaserne was allegedly occupied by about a thousand troops of a tank regiment, including an unusually high number of officers and military officials. A Polish sergeant stated that the unit was to be brought to full strength by

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recruits who were to arrive in the spring of 1949. The unit expected to receive tanks at the same time. The reporting PW noticed many Soviet officers wearing Polish uniforms. * The kaserne was repeatedly inspected by a general from POZNAN (C 53/X 26), whom the PWs considered as the CG of the military district.

c. The cover number 2319 was believed to belong to the tank regiment (not definitely identified). The regiment was organized as follows:

- Regimental headquarters
- Two battalions of four companies each
(each company numbered about 60 men, including NCOs)
- One recruit training battalion of four companies
(each company numbered 120 men).

d. One training course for about 80 officer candidates and one training course for 160 NCOs (organized into two companies) were attached to the tank regiment. The officer candidates wore blue uniforms with a 10-mm yellow stripe along the seam of the trousers and two silver strips on the left cuff.

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The second PW believed the mentioned unit to be a training unit for mobile troops.

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The report is the first on Polish troops in SCHWEIDT. The second PW's statement that the reported unit may be a training unit for mobile troops is given credence.

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There is no evidence that the PW understood Polish, nor is it indicated why he believe the officers were Russians.

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